Foreign Tourists in Assam

3905. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of foreign tourists visiting Assam has fallen during the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) number of foreign and domestic tourists that visited Assam during the last three-years?

THE MNISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited Assam during the last 3 years are as given below :—

Year	Domestic Tourist	Foreign Tourist	Total
1990	15,382	475	15,857
1991	14,270	385	14,655
1992	19,029	431	19,460

The decline in tourists during 1991 was primarily due to law and order problems in the area and the over all decline in foreign tourist traffic to the country due to Gulf War and its after math.

Infrastructural Development of Tourism in Assam

3906. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new schemes have been approved for infrastructural development of tourism in Assam;

(b) if so, what are the details of these schemes; and

(c) how much fund has been made available for promotion of tourism in Assam in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) During 1992-93 the Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned following projects for infrastructural development of tourism in Assam:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1.	Pilgrim cottages at Kamakhaya	27.09
2.	Wayside facilities at Kalain	11.73
3.	Tourist Resort at Bardaloni	14.00

(c) The Central financial assistance extended to Government of Assam during the last three years is as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount Sanctioned
1989-90	08.50
1990-91	22.67
1991-92	174.79

International Airlines Skipping Delhi

3907. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US-based Delta Airlines and some other international Airlines have decided not to fly into or over Delhi for an indefinite period of time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore and the reaction of the Government in respect thereto; and

(c) whether any international Airlines has ever chosen to avoid the country's capital in the past?